

## Fact Sheet

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## Labor Market Report Highlights December 2015

### Labor Force and Unemployment

- The state's December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.9 percent, unchanged from November and decreased from 4.2 percent in December 2014.
- The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December was 3.6 percent, up from 3.5 percent in November and down from 3.8 percent one year ago.
- There were 16,979 initial claims for unemployment benefits in December 2015, up from 13,344 in November and down from 18,577 in December 2014. There were 66,444 continued claims in December, up from 63,370 the previous month and down from 97,398 in December 2014.

### Jobs Data

#### *Seasonally Adjusted*

- Kansas gained 9,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, or 0.5 percent, since December 2014.
- Since last month, Kansas gained 1,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state gained 2,000 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since November 2015, or 0.1 percent.

#### *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

- Kansas gained 9,300 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,800, a 0.5 percent increase since December 2014.
- Since last month, private sector jobs decreased by 1,600, or 0.1 percent. The state lost 3,600 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.3 percent.

**Industry Breakdown****Over the Year**

Increase			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Construction	4,500	7.6%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Education and Health Services	3,300	1.7%	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Financial Activities	1,500	1.9%	Finance and Insurance
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,500	0.6%	Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities
Leisure and Hospitality	900	0.7%	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
Manufacturing	400	0.2%	Non-Durable Goods
Information	300	1.1%	N/A

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Government	-2,500	-0.9%	Local
Professional and Business Services	-1,600	-0.9%	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Mining and Logging	-1,000	-9.4%	N/A
Other Services	-500	-1.0%	N/A

**Over the Month**

Increase			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Education and Health Services	1,500	0.8%	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,100	0.4%	Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities
Manufacturing	700	0.4%	Non-Durable Goods
Information	100	0.4%	N/A

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Professional and Business Services	-2,100	-1.2%	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Government	-2,000	-0.8%	State
Construction	-1,700	-2.6%	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
Leisure and Hospitality	-1,100	-0.9%	Accommodation and Food Service
Financial Activities	-100	-0.1%	Finance and Insurance

\*Two of the 11 major industries-Other Services and Mining and Logging-reported no change over the month.

## Private Sector Earnings

### ***Not Seasonally Adjusted***

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$2.19, or 0.3 percent, since last year, to a total of \$776.72.
- Manufacturing increased the most in average weekly earnings since last year. This industry increased by \$39.45, or 3.7 percent, since December 2014, to a total of \$1,100.30.
- Construction had a notable decrease. Average weekly earnings decreased by \$56.37, or 6.0 percent, since last year, to a total of \$891.81.

The January 2016 Labor Report will be released on Friday, March 4.

*Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).*

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